

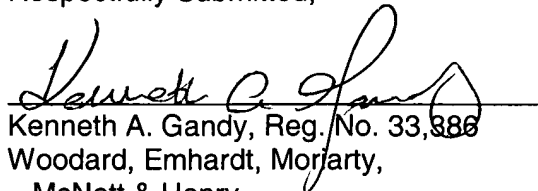
## REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-31 and 49-57, drawn to a composition comprising demineralized bone matrix, a collagen protein, growth factor a spacer, vinyl pyrrolidinone or methyl methacrylate, an additive where the composition is cross-linked, and composition is cross linked via an amide linkage, classified in class 530, subclass 350. This election is made with traverse. It is believed that the inventions of Groups I-III are sufficiently related and that the relevant art is classified such that no serious burden will be imposed by consideration of all claims together.

Favorable action and allowance of this application are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this Response or other matters that might be handled in that fashion to expedite the allowance of this application.

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